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Man Pleads Guilty to Fleeing Police, Striking Dog

A man who led authorities on a televised police pursuit, which resulted in the injury of a dog, pleaded guilty today and was sentenced to two years in prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Yovani Rodriguez (dob 10/11/92) of Los Angeles was charged and convicted of one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly, and driving or taking a vehicle without consent, as well as one misdemeanor count of hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage in case VA136937.

A restitution hearing is scheduled for Oct. 20 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Metropolitan Branch in Department 69.

Prosecutors said on Sept. 17 a CHP officer observed a stolen vehicle near Manchester and Central avenues. The officer activated his sirens and began a pursuit of the vehicle.

During the chase, the driver of the stolen vehicle ran red lights, drove on the opposite side of traffic and struck a dog named Gordo.

After nearly an hour, authorities were able to disable the stolen vehicle and arrested the driver, who was later identified as Rodriguez.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.